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Subject: Submission on Western Power's Revised Proposed Access Arrangement for the SWIN

Dear Mr Pullella.

The Shire of Brookton submits that any increased capital contributions towards expansion of the network would;

1. Severely inhibit development in regional areas.
2. Accelerate the unsustainable growth and demand for electricity on the coastal fringe.
3. Reduce the opportunity for regional growth and a more even and sustainable population distribution in the South West and particularly the Avon Arc.

The State must recognise the opportunity that development of the growing towns in the Avon Arc presents for more **sustainable** development in the metropolitan hinterland. Pricing mechanisms or government subsidisation for all infrastructure services should be skewed towards growth in the Avon Arc and other regional areas to assist these areas to reach a sustainable size. A greater population base will improve the viability of infrastructure and services such as education and health and reduce the propensity for people to relocate to the city or the coast.

Brookton, for example, has reached capacity in terms of housing including rental vacancies. Brookton needs residential and industrial land to continue its strong growth. It is only the availability and cost of connecting infrastructure such as electricity, water and sewerage that is preventing growth.

Regards,

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